

Damaged Landing Boats Being Repaired



HAMPTON, Va. — (SNS)—Badly damaged landing boats which were smashed on the beaches of North Africa are completely reconditioned by skilled Negro sailors at the Naval Training School here. L to r as they start a repair job are Orpheus L. Evans, Washington, D. C.; Oliver B. Heston,

Jeffersonville, Ind.; Virgil Wade Harding, Oklahoma City; Grives E. Udmes, Laurel, Miss., and Timothy McKiver, Live Oak, Fla. Harding, rated Carpenter's Mate, is an instructor.—(Official U. S. Navy Photo.)

3,000 Race Aircraft Workers Termed 'Democracy At Work'

Ah, A South Seasburger!



Somewhere in the South Pacific, Pfc. Thomas Foreman of Chicago and Pfc. Jerry A. Dell Isola of Medford, Mass., find the local version of the hamburger being served by a comely, smiling native girl at a jungle-side stand. Marine Corps photo.—(International)

Engineers Real Heroes Of War

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WITH AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN NEW GUINEA—(A N P)—From northern area of New Guinea comes only stories of glorious and courageous work of our troops. Engineers seem to be the real heroes of these reports. Latest developments, proudly

and grimly show three deaths of our men in the line of duty and six Purple Heart decorations.

Circumstances surrounding deaths of the three men have not as yet been revealed in detail. The report only stated that they died. The men who received Purple Heart awards also received citations, which read in part "for wounds received as a result of enemy air attacks."

All of these men are engineer soldiers who are involved in tasks that are significantly important to the new allied offensive. The stories surrounding these engineers' work tell of how they are constantly harassed by Japanese aerial attacks, but despite this are



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Letters To Naval Training Commander Reveal Race Youths Are 'Doing Fine' Skilled Recruits Thank Instructors

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — (SNS)—Lt. Comdr. Edwin H. Downes, USNR, commanding officer of the Naval Training School, Hampton, Va., has a file full of evidence that the Negro youths trained there are "doing fine" in the Navy. The file contains letters from many who have gone out to ships of the fleet or to Navy shore stations. The letters tell of jobs well-done, and promotions earned, and credit the practical training received at Hampton.

Through these letters, Commander Downes keeps checked on the experiences of his men while applying the motto: "Teach the trainees to do better those things they are likely to be required to do afterwards."

"I'm the only electrician in a crew of fourteen men," says Lindell C. Pelt, electrician's mate, writing from New London, Conn.

REPAIRS CABLES
"We sweep for magnetic mines and my job includes handling and repairing the cables used while sweeping. Once in a while one of the motors goes haywire, but so far I haven't come up against a situation that I haven't been able to handle, thanks to the training at Hampton." The letter went on to tell how much he likes his ship.

John H. Whitson, a rated ship fitter, writes from San Diego, Calif., about his experiences on a target repair station. He says that "for the boys who go out from Hampton and know their work, it's but a matter of weeks before they receive ratings. So please tell the students to study hard."

Leonard Jackson wrote from Port Townsend, Wash., that "I think every day of the opportunity opened to all eligible men at the Hampton Service School. I hope our successors in training are giving it their very best." Jackson's rating is motor machinist's mate.

PRAISES OFFICERS
John W. Reagan, an electrician's mate, writes from San Diego: "We are stationed at a place called Point Thomas. There are close to sixty colored boys here now from Hampton and the Lakes. More are expected soon. The officers seem to be a fine bunch of men—fair and with the Navy's and the men's best interests at heart. And they do have the men (every one of them) doing the work they were trained for."

which are going forth to fight for the freedom of all nations; and races everywhere."

Another West Coast letter comes from M. T. Ball, a carpenter's mate. "Things are swell out here," he says. "We have a fine bunch of officers and men. I work with the boat crews on repairs. The work is similar to what we did in training, so I am well acquainted with it and not having any difficulties. Please give my best wishes to all of the students, and caution them that the effort is well worth while."

SENDS WORD OF THANKS
Sir, I wish to thank you and your staff for the training that puts me in a position to take advantage of the opportunity when it is presented."

At the end of his third week of active duty at a Pacific section base, A. R. Brooks writes: "During that short time I have learned to be thankful for the training received at Hampton. The first two weeks I was sent out on jobs as a helper, but the past week I was sent out to do the jobs myself. Down here you aren't forced to know it all. The officers say that if there is ever any job we are doubtful of, ask questions."

E. M. Ross, a machinist's mate, at East Boston, Mass., writes: "We had tests here to determine how much we learned in school, and all the fellows came through with flying colors, which means that some of us are going to be placed in shops and on ships immediately."

Hubbard was one of the 128 men in the first company graduated at Hampton N. T. S. Six companies have gone out since last summer when the Navy moved into the historic campus of the Hampton Institute. They total about 700 men this July's class will raise the total above 800.

The rolls of the school now show 555 in training.

They Search For Cause Of Detroit Disaster



DETROIT—(ANP)—A thorough search into the causes of the Detroit riot is being made by these ten members of the Fact-Finding Group chosen by Mayor Edward Jeffries, Jr. They are pictured here during one of their many sessions. L to r are Mrs. Adelia Stanett, Mrs. Beulah Whitby, the Rev. Geo. W. Baber, William J. Norton, Charles H. Mohoney, the Rev. Charles Hill, Louis E. Martin, John F. Ballenger, Fred M. Buzzell and J. T. Sheaffer.

Anti-Riot Program Over CBS July 24

NEW YORK — (SNS) — More Welles, Lion Feuchtwanger, Julian Duvivier, Erskine Cardwell, Samson Raphaelson, Julius and Philip Epstein, Boris Morris, Walter Wanger, John Garfield, Edward G. Robinson, Jean Arthur, Marc Connelly, Sidney Buchman, Irving Pichel, Thomas Mann and David O. Selznick.

The show which will be the first in a series of such broadcasts, is called "An Open Letter to America." The New York members of the sponsoring committee are Walter White, Lisa Sergio, William Morris, Richard Wright, Miriam Hopkins, Ray Blotch, Minerva Pious, Billy Rose and Louise Rainer.

The Hollywood members are Groucho Marx, Jean Hersholt, Ralph Morgan, Frank Tuttle, Arthur Kober, David Butler, Sheridan Gibney, Dalton Trumbo, Orson

During his brief talk on this program it is expected that Wendell Wilkie will play the instigators of outbreaks like the recent Detroit disgrace and that he will make a plea for unity among the races.

Final Rites Held For Lt. Kenney

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Funeral services for Lieut. Oscar Armstrong Kenney, who was killed in an airplane crash, while on a routine flight near New Friday were held in the Institute Chapel Monday afternoon with Harry V. Richardson, chaplain of Tuskegee Institute, officiating.

Lieut. Kenney was the son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Kenney. Dr. Kenney is Medical Director of the John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital at Tuskegee Institute. Lieut. Kenney's death brought many fine tributes and comforting messages to the bereaved parents from all sections of the country. In his message Rev. Richardson urged that the sadness of the hour be replaced with the thought of the beauty of young Lieut. Kenney's life and the nobility of his sacrifice. In these he declared, we will find the strength and inspiration needed to achieve the hopes for which Lieut. Kenney died.

Lieut. Kenney was born at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., August 3, 1917. He was graduated from the South Side High School in Newark. He attended the Juillard School of Music in New York City and later entered the Conservatory of Music, Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.

Jamaican Heading Missionary Group

LONDON.—(A N P)—Dr. Harold Moody, a Jamaican for many years president of the League of Colored Peoples, has been made chairman of the London Missionary Society, one of the great Free Church missionary societies in Great Britain. In a letter to the League of Colored Peoples, Moody writes:

"I now go forward with your blessing and prayers. I represent you and pray God my occupancy of this position will do much to help to improve relationships between black and white and hasten the day when for all appointments, either of the church or the state, the question will not be what is his color? but what is his character and ability?"

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Urge Roosevelt To Deliver Some Fireside Chats

BY ERNEST E. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(A N P)—A white brain trust on Negro affairs has gotten together on a set of ideas which they conclude would be effective in handling racial outbreaks, according to an unimpeachable source. The individuals must remain unidentified.

It may be reported, however, that a high official in the FEPC had requested the department of justice to investigate causes of Detroit rioting. The report cited crowded housing, crowded transportation facilities, inadequate recreational facilities, footloose youth, police race prejudice, economic fears and lack of local leadership as causes.

Recommendations included (1) Fireside chats; (2) That the governor of Michigan appoint a committee to probe the Detroit Police department; (3) appointment of a non-governmental agency with private funds to hold hearings and prepare reports in and about tension areas.

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Baiters Under The Skin

AMID ALL THE current discussions of rising racial tension the most puzzling development to this writer is the apparent failure of so many of the nation's top labor leaders to see that the same reactionary forces who foment and foster racial strife, are in the van guard of opposition to not only progressive legislation supported by labor, but to labor itself.

One has but to look at the record. The close affiliation of those who would divide Americans by race, and those who would stifle the aims of labor is unmistakable. The alliance is clear in Congress; it is clear all through the economic and political structure of American life.

The same Bilbo who takes the Senate floor to rant against granting elementary justice to Negroes, just as quickly will do the same in opposition to the right of labor to assert its legally guaranteed right of organization. The Rev. Gerald K. Smith of Detroit, who talks the language of Goebbels in his denunciation of what he calls "International Jewry" is just as hostile to the program of social progress backed by the CIO and AFL.

WORM WAY INTO UNIONS
It is no secret that the spearhead of the anti-union drive in Detroit is the Ku Klux Klan, whose members have wormed their way into the unions, with the avowed purpose of destroying these unions by turning white workers against black and vice versa. Certainly the record of the Klan regarding Negroes is no mystery. Born an agent of repression, it has merely for the moment transferred its focal point from Catholics, Jews and Negroes to what it sees as the present greater danger—labor unions.

Any labor organizer, who has attempted to organize workers in the Deep South's turpentine camps, textile mills and saw mills, knows his greatest opposition will come from the organization which was formed to rob black Americans of their new-

born citizenship through intimidation, violence and other extra legal methods. The same organization is on the scene today seeking to rob Americans workers of the rights guaranteed them under progressive New Deal legislation.

Certainly any labor leader, who has intelligence enough to count to ten, can see the present pattern of racial tensions is following that set up earlier by the Klan. That pattern is to use the repression of Negro workers as a blind to conceal the real purpose—the repression of ALL workers, regardless of race.

MAY WAKE UP TOO LATE

The Ku Klux Klan has no copyright on this plan. It was used by Mussolini in Italy in his program against communists and it was improved upon and used by Hitler in his brutal campaign against the Jews. Unsuspecting Germans who remained indifferent to Hitler's drive against the Jews woke up too late to discover that they too had lost their liberty.

In similar manner strangely silent labor leaders, who look upon the fomenting of racial strife as "none of their business" unless they drop their indifference will discover too late that Negroes were just the excuse; that the real target of the race-baiters was unions and all labor programs. The step from being a race baiter to a labor baiter is so slight it takes but little effort on the part of those who chose to make it.

The tragedy of the whole situation is that so many labor unions and their officials have fallen into the trap set for them by the reactionaries. At no time in American history has there been so great a need for intelligent labor leadership and at no time in the history of America has intelligent labor leadership been so sorely lacking.

GREEN'S SILENCE AMAZING

An example in point is the complete silence of the American Federation of Labor president in the matter of the wave of "hate" strikes which swept the nation's war industries a few months ago and have not yet been completely eliminated. William L. Green had not a single word of admonition to say about the actions of workers turning against other workers in the

Beaumont, Detroit and Mobile riots.

He has not seen fit to caution any of his international brotherhoods, who even amid this world wide struggle for freedom, refuse to practice real brotherhood. Many of his unions refuse to accept Negro workers as members either by constitution or through the subterfuge of "white only" rituals.

His negative position on the question of race, which is so vital to the future of the entire trade union movement in America, is not only disappointing, it is a downright betrayal of the thousands of black workers who monthly pay financial tribute to a leadership he has not given them.

HOPE IN CIO STAND

One does find a little hope in the sound position taken by the Congress of Industrial Organizations in its executive board meeting last week said: "Be it resolved that the executive board of the CIO goes on record again sharply condemning all evidences of mob hatred and violence against Negro citizens and people of other minorities, wherever they occur or under whatever circumstances."

One too can be encouraged over the position taken by President E. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, who in Detroit openly denounced the special American brand of fascism that would set white workers against black in line with Hitler's avowed intention. Hope too is gained in watching the harmonious racial relationships existing within the National Maritime Union.

But passing resolutions, no matter how well intentioned they may be, is not sufficient. Unless labor's leaders first recognize these racial tensions in their real light as a subtle drive against the labor movement they will have forfeited their right to the title of leaders in the real sense of the word.

SOLIDARITY ONLY BARRIER

After recognizing the threat to their organizations' existence, these leaders must begin without delay an intensive educational campaign among the rank and file members, so that they too, will understand the deep motives underlying this fomenting of racial strife.

Enlightenment is the one sure weapon against this obvious effort to divide and destroy, and solidarity of white and black the one insurmountable barrier to its success.